

MINUTES

Minutes from the Dental Advisory Committee (DAC)
DMAS 11 AM – 1 PM
November 16, 2018

DAC Members Present	
Carl Atkins, DDS	Sarah Bedard Holland
Terry Dickinson, DDS	Lynn Browder, DDS
Marge White	Tripp Perrin for Chuck Duval
Roger Palmer, DDS	Barry Griffin, DDS
Girish Banaji DDS	Cynthia Southern, DDS
John Unkel, DDS, MD	Randy Adams, DDS
Jonathon Wong, DMD	Bhavna Shroff, D.D.S.
DAC Members Absent	
Neal Graham	Tegwyn Brickhouse, DDS, MPH
David Hamer, DDS	Adam Poole, DDS
DMAS Attendees	
Daniel Plain	Cheryl Roberts
Myra Shook	Lisa Bilik
Zachary Hairston, DDS	Pat Bryant
DentaQuest Attendees	
Kristen Gilliam	Cheryl Harris
Bridget Hengle	Jackie Wake
Waradah Eargle	Linda Vidone, DDS
Other Attendees	
Laura Givens	Lynn Moudin, DDS
Pat Finnerty	Michael E. Thomas
Michele Satterland	

Welcome

Dan Plain called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and welcomed DAC members. Introductions were made by the DAC members and the guests. Two new DAC members joined the meeting. Dr. Jonathon Wong, DMD, is a dental anesthesiologist from Virginia Beach. Marge White is the Deputy Director of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth in Richmond. The minutes from the May 2018 meeting were approved.

DMAS Updates

Cheryl Roberts, DMAS Deputy Director of Programs, provided an update on various DMAS projects. DMAS has implemented the CCC+ and the Medallion 4.0 program. A comparison chart of the enhanced dental benefits offered by the MCOs in both CCC+ and Medallion 4.0 were provided to DAC members from the Virginia Oral Health Coalition. Medicaid Expansion is to begin January 1, 2019. Member enrollment has begun. Up to 400,000 new members are to be covered in Medicaid expansion.

Virginia Dental Association (VDA) Updates

Dr. Terry Dickinson announced the new Executive Director of the VDA is Ryan Dunn. Mr. Dunn served as the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Executive Vice President for Corporate and Government Affairs.

Special Recognition

Mr. Pat Finnerty spoke on the retirement of Dr. Terry Dickinson. Dr. Dickinson and Mr. Finnerty started the SFC program in 2005, and have a rich history of promoting oral health for underserved populations. DMAS staff worked to have a proclamation signed by the Governor honoring Dr. Dickinson's work in Virginia. Mr. Finnerty presented the award to Dr. Dickinson on behalf of DMAS and the DAC.

The Opioid Crisis: What Dentists Need to Know

Dr. Linda Vidone, DMD, Chief Clinical Officer and Vice President for Clinical Management at DentaQuest spoke to the DAC on the opioid epidemic. Dr. Vidone provided a national as well as a Virginia specific overview of the crisis and the role of dentists in prescribing opioids for pain. She discussed the history of the use of opioids in pain management, and how the new findings show the effectiveness of combination therapy for pain control using ibuprofen and acetaminophen. She also discussed the need to decrease the number of opioids prescribed for better pain management. Dr. Vidone shared prescription guidelines as well as safe procedures for opioid disposal. Lastly, she shared with the DAC resources from CDC and from DentaQuest in promoting safety tips for prescribing opioids.

SFC Update

DentaQuest: Kristen Gilliam of DentaQuest provided the following updates on the SFC program:

- 57% of children ages 0-20 utilized dental services in SFY 2018;
- 64% of children ages 3-20 utilized dental services in SFY 2018;
- Data shows that 66.9% of the members had at least one dental visit; well above the HEDIS National Medicaid average of 54.13%;
- The pregnant women and dental care statistics show that, as of the end of the third quarter of SFY18, 4,900+ women had received a dental visit;
- As of November 1, 2018, **2,007** dentists are participating in the *SFC* program;
- 36% of the state's practicing dentists participate in the SFC program;
- More than **92% are accepting new patients**; and
- For SFY18, approximately **83%** of network providers are submitting claims.

Member satisfaction continues to be very high with the dentist, dental care received, and the *Smiles For Children* program. A robocall outreach campaign was conducted in SFY18 where 123,477 school-aged children were identified as not receiving dental services within the past 12 months. The campaign resulted in a 23% success rate with 28,828 children receiving the dental treatment they needed.

DentaQuest continues to work with managed care organizations to promote medical/dental collaborations. They worked with over 100+ partner organizations to increase member utilization and provider participation.

Ms. Gilliam introduced a new focus for DentaQuest. They have new branding, and are implementing a new Preventistry program. The goal of the program is to provide better care, expanded access, invest in innovative solutions and transformative systems changes.

Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update

Sarah Bedard Holland, Executive Director of the Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VaOHC), reported on the successful Oral Health Summit, held November 8, 2018. She also provided updates on regional coalition work addressing oral health issues. In October, the Coalition received the Williamsburg Health Foundation Annual Award for collaborative work with partners in Williamsburg and across the state to improve oral health outcomes.

Additional Items/Comments

Dr. Zachary Hairston, DMAS Clinical Consultant, provided an update on clinical issues being addressed for the *Smiles For Children* program. Three dental codes with changes will be added to the Office Reference Manual: four bitewing x-rays (2 per side) will be allowed for pregnant women; gross pulpal debridement will be allowed for pregnant women and the 20 and under population; and language for periodontal debridement will be written to be consistent in the CDT and ORM. Additionally, further study will be done to have cleft lip and palate be recognized and reimbursed as a 2-3 stage procedure. Also, an ad hoc sedation/anesthesia committee will be formed to study the ORM language and assure the SFC program is current with its procedures and billing.

Dan Plain recognized Pat Bryant's retirement. Ms. Bryant has been with DMAS for ten years and her service to the DMAS dental program and the DAC will be greatly missed.

With there being no questions or additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next DAC meeting is **Friday, May 17, 2019.**